

FISCAL NOTE

SB 838 - HB 2088

March 25, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a personal support services agency to provide notices and disclosures to personal support service workers and consumers and directs the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) to handle questions on the content of notices from workers and consumers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$209,400 Recurring
\$5,400 One-Time**

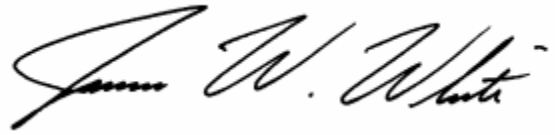
Assumptions:

- The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) will need two administrative services assistant (ASA4) positions to answer questions from personal support service consumers and workers about the notices that are provided by the personal support services agencies. Such is estimated to increase recurring state expenditures by \$141,600 for salary and benefits (\$117,400) and operational expenses (\$24,200). There will be an increase in one-time expenditures of \$5,200 for communication and office set-up.
- The DMHDD licenses 279 personal support services agencies in the state. It is estimated that there are approximately 3,500 personal support workers and 7,000 consumers in the State of Tennessee.
- DMHDD will implement an 800 telephone line which is estimated to receive 5,250 calls at five minutes per call with a 50% call-back rate. The installation of the telephone line will increase one-time expenditures by \$200. The annual cost to run the telephone line is estimated to be \$2,200.
- DMHDD is estimating there will be 656 hours of additional legal consultation, which will increase state expenditures by \$65,600 at a rate of \$100 per hour.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director